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Balamuri, Edamuri ENTRY BANNED

79 people drown between 2015 & 2026

Ban blocks summer water thrills

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Srirangapatna Tahsildar has imposed restrictions on public entry to Balamuri and Edamuri waterfalls along River Cauvery in Srirangapatna, following a rise in drowning incidents and safety violations ahead of the summer holiday rush.

Tahsildar and Taluk Magistrate S. Chethana Yadav issued prohibitory orders banning visitors to these spots. The order came into effect on Apr. 16 and will remain in force until further notice.

Located about 15 kms from Mysuru, Balamuri and Edamuri have long drawn tourists and local visitors. The river stretches here are known for strong and unpredictable currents. Officials say the sites have increasingly turned into death traps with more than 79 people having drowned at these locations between 2015 and 2026.

(See ENTRY BANNED on page 9)

TiECON Mysuru-2026
17 firms pitch for a total Rs. 85 cr. investment

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (BLU&VNS)- Day-1 of the three-day TiECON Mysuru-2026, organised by TiE Mysuru at the Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, saw a total of 18 companies pitching for a cumulative investment of Rs. 85 crore during a business pitch competition held yesterday.

TiE Mysuru President Bhaskar Kalale said this morning that out of the total 25 investors, who attended the session, 15 investors had shown interest to fund 17 companies which included 10 Mysuru-based start-ups, six from Bengaluru and one from Hyderabad.

Highlighting that Mysuru had always been a city of grace, culture and knowledge, Bhaskar said that Mysuru stood as a powerful inflexion point with the convergence of academic institutions, a resilient MSME base, research institutes, expanding digital infrastructure, improved connectivity and a growing influx of talent and professionals choosing Mysuru as their base.

(See TiECON on page 9)

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Mysuru, Saturday 18th April 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

REALISING THAT YOU ARE THE LIGHT: *As the world turns in uncertain times, it is becoming increasingly tempting to believe that light belongs only to some places. Those spaces seem brighter, kinder and more alive than others and we come to see joy as geographic, as external, but that is far from the truth. Light, real light, the one that illuminates from within, belongs to people and not to places or situations.*

There is a story about the sun and a cave that once tried to understand each other. The sun, naturally, could not comprehend darkness. And the cave, enclosed deep in the crevices of the earth, could not imagine brightness. So they agreed to exchange places.

The cave rose up into the open sky and, for the first time, felt warmth without walls. And the sun, curious and unchanged, descended into the cave. It entered the hollow, narrow and shadowy darkness and said, "I don't see any difference."

The sun did not bring light into the cave as something separate from itself; it was the light. It did not need the cave to change in order for brightness to exist. It did not negotiate with the darkness or try to understand it. It simply arrived and in arriving, transformed everything.

We often wait for our surroundings to improve before we allow ourselves to brighten. Yet life seldom waits for better circumstances. It waits on your decision to move, to arrive and to brighten. It waits for you to realise that the light you look for around you is actually inside you.

We must protect this inherent light, this internal positivity, this essential calm and believe that we can move through the murky world like a quiet clear dawn. We should realise that we can walk into difficult places, places thick with smoke, doubts and darkness and not wait for permission to shine. Like the sun in the cave, we need not experience darkness the way others expect us to. Without absorbing it, without echoing it, we can illuminate it by our still, quiet and determined light.

For the question might or might not be about the cave. But the answer is, and will always be, about the sun; about the light that did not get lost even when it entered the cave.

— Aditi Pant in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's oldest chicken is 15

Portland: A pet chicken was officially named the oldest of her species in the world at the age of 15 years and 100 days old.

Frank Turek brought Gertie the Golden Sebright chicken to his Portland property when she was a freshly-hatched chick. He said that despite being a smaller breed of chicken, Gertie quickly came to rule the roost. Turek said Gertie started to go blind a few years ago and he moved her to a private indoor coop in 2024 to protect her from confrontations with younger hens.

Gertie earned Guinness World Record for oldest chicken living when her age was verified at 15 years and 100 days — more than six months older than previous record-holder, a Texas chicken named Pearl.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Recognize Early Gut Disturbances: Symptoms like bloating, frequent loose stools, or acidity during summer may indicate underlying infection or inflammation. Early evaluation helps avoid complications.

By Dr. Satheesh Rao A.K., *Senior Consultant Medical Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals Mysuru.*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Garbage all along roadside in Bogadi

Sir,

It appears that garbage from within city limits is increasingly being dumped along roads leading to smaller towns. While highways remain relatively clean, these interior roads have turned into virtual dumping grounds.

The scale of the problem is far worse than what photographs can capture. A one-kilometre stretch of the Bogadi-Gaddige Main Road itself is lined with waste on one side, and the situation is no different on the other side. Similar scenes can be witnessed along other arterial roads as well.

Residents have questioned whether the Mysuru City Corporation has an effective garbage disposal strategy in place.

They point out that waste segregation at the household level has become meaningless, as dry, wet, hazardous and sanitary waste are often mixed again during collection.

—Renuka Devayya
Bogadi 14.4.2026

Deadline for horticulture training

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Horticulture Department has extended deadline for admission to 10-month training at Rangasamudra Horticulture Training Centre in Mysuru district, to Apr.21.

Children of farmers who have RTC of their lands in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar can apply. Candidates must have a pass in SSLC and be in the age group of 18 to 30 years for General, 18 to 33 for SC/ST and 33 to 65 years for Ex-servicemen categories.

Applications can be had at Horticulture Office, Curzon Park, Mysuru or downloaded from *https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in* [Ph: 0821-2977572].

Mysuru students qualify for Intl. Codeavour 7.0

Mysuru, Apr. 18- In a remarkable achievement, young innovators from Mysuru have made their mark at the prestigious Codeavour 7.0 National Event held on Apr. 11 and 12.

Competing against over 650 participants from across the country, two teams, sponsored by the Abbhi Trust, brought laurels to the city with their outstanding performances.

The teams, Med Tech Minds (P. Hamsika, M.R. Nisarga and M. Nanditha) and Parag Sparsh (S. Kavana, M. Vidya, Mythri S. Shetty), are students of Sri Sathya Sai Baba PU College.

S. Kavana

M. Vidya

Mythri S. Shetty

They showcased exceptional talent, innovation and technical expertise during the competition. Among them, the Parag Sparsh team stood out with their innovative project titled 'Artificial Pollinator.'

Guided by mentors Dinesh Kumar, N. Pallavi and S.S. Pallavi, the team secured a National Consolation Prize and earned a coveted spot in the International Finals to be held in Indonesia next month.

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NEWS BRIEFS

College admission

A notification was published on Apr. 9 with regard to the online application for admissions to Maharaja's College, Yuvaraja's College, Fine Arts College and University Evening College, affiliated to University of Mysore, through UUCMS, to degree courses such as BA, B.Com, B.Sc, BCA, BBA and Fine Arts. For details, log on to the website ***www.uni-mysore.ac.in*** or meet the College Principals in person.

BVA course: Entries invited

Sree Kalanikethana School of Art, located in II Stage, Vijayanagar in the city, has invited applications from eligible students for admission to BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course. The course is affiliated to Kannada University, Hampi. Applications are also invited from SSLC pass or PUC fail students for admission to Painting course. The last date for applying is May 5. For details, contact Mob: 98447-75238 or 97429-18181, according to a press release.

Elected as new office-bearers

The following were unanimously elected as the new office-bearers of Basaveshwara Credit Co-operative Society, Siddarthanagar, in the elections held recently: K.M. Naganna Kesthur - President, C.M. Shivappa - Vice-President, Directors - B. Channaraje Urs, B.K. Nataraj, Mahadevaswamy, A.V. Kantharaju, D. Nanjundaswamy, V.N. Jayasheela and S. Shilpa. Vimal Kumar was the Returning Officer for the polls.

Ph.D awardees

G. Mamatha has been awarded

Ph.D in Pharmacology by the JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Preclinical Evaluation of Therapeutic Potential of Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase Inhibitors for Alzheimer's Disease' submitted under the guidance of Prof. S.N. Manjula.

H.M. Jayakumara has been awarded Ph.D in Geography University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'A Geographical Analysis of Hearing Impaired in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.R. Manjunatha.

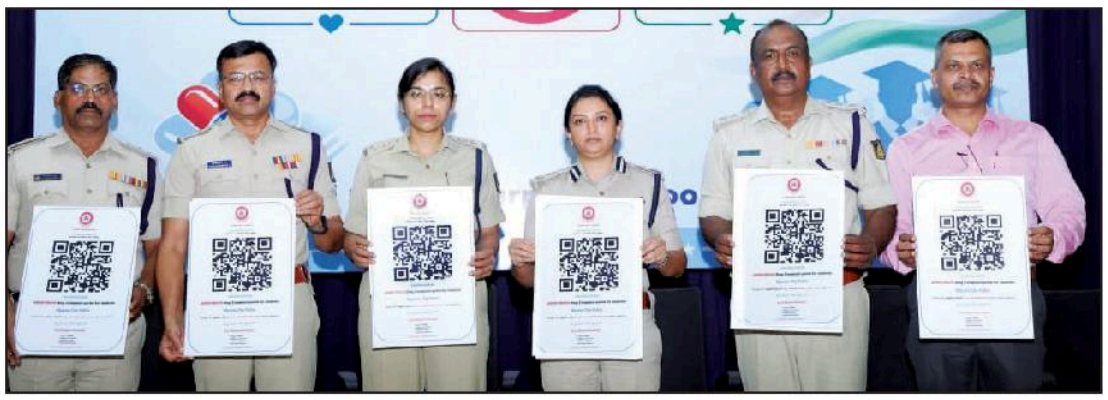
Drive Against Narcotic Drugs

Scan QR code, tip off Cops: City Police Commissioner

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (SPN&BS)- In an intensified drive against the peddling of narcotic drugs among college students, the City Police have launched a QR code, with a strong appeal to keep the Police informed.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, who released the QR code, as part of Drug Free Campaign, organised by Narasimharaja Police Sub-Division, at Rani Bahadur auditorium here yesterday, addressed the Principals and teaching staff of various colleges.

Latkar asked the Professors to tip off the Police by scanning QR code, if they find any changes in the behaviour of their students. The college Professors, who will be regularly watching their students behaviour on campus, can swiftly notice any abnormal behaviour among their pupils. If the Police is informed, such drug addict students can be reformed and change their future for good.



City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar (third from right) releasing the QR Code to receive information on narcotic drugs, at Rani Bahadur auditorium in city yesterday, as ACP of Devaraja Sub-Division Rajendra, ACP (Traffic) M. Shivashankar, DCP (Law and Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada, ACP of Narasimharaja Sub-Division Mathew Thomas and City Crime Branch (CCB) ACP Mahammad Sharif Rawathar look on.

In a bid to instil confidence among informants, Latkar said, the secrecy will be maintained over the name and identity of informants. Earlier too, Latkar said that, she had received a definite information about two students under the influence of narcotic drugs, following which they were apprehended.

Explaining about the appearance of drug addicts, Latkar said, their eyes will be reddish and the information can be passed on to WhatsApp number: 82779-48080. This WhatsApp will be solely managed by the Commissioner herself, so there won't be any compromise on the identify of whistle blowers, she assured. Latkar stressed on co-ordinated efforts involving all the organisations and associations, teachers, doctors and the general public, to make Drug Free Campaign effective.

DCP (Law & Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada explained about how any information on behaviour pattern of students, can help in busting the chain link and network of the narcotics racket, that comes in handy in checking the menace of narcotic drugs.

ACP of NR Sub-Division Mathew Thomas, ACP (Traffic) M. Shivashankar, ACP of Devaraja Sub-Division Rajendra and CCB ACP Mahammad Shariff Rawathar were present.

MLA inaugurates Guarantees Implementation Committee Office in NR Assembly segment

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (GA&DM)- NR MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurated the NR Constituency Guarantees implementation Committee Office at MCC Zone-9 Office in Gayathripuram First Stage here on Apr. 13.

Speaking on the occasion, Sait said that the Congress has implemented the 5 pre-poll Guarantees as promised. Pointing out that State and District-level Committees have been formed for overseeing the implementation of Guarantees, he said that unemployed youths are utilising the 'Yuva Nidhi' Scheme meant for them, for good.

"As many as 52,000 women are benefited under 'Gruha Lakshmi' Scheme in the Constituency. Also, 1.18 lakh households and 1.21 lakh households which have benefited from 'Gruha Jyothi' and 'Anna Bhagya' Schemes respectively. Eligible unemployed youths who have not yet registered for 'Yuva Nidhi' Scheme can register at this new office," he said.

He said that he has high hopes that senior Congress leader M.N. Mahadeva, who has been appointed as the President of the Committee, would work in a most efficient manner.

Sait further said that he would meet Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar in Bengaluru shortly for sorting out the hurdles in the functioning of Udayagiri North Police Station.

MLA Tanveer Sait, who inaugurated NR Constituency Guarantee Schemes Implementation Monitoring Committee Office at MCC Zone-9 Office in Gayathripuram First Stage, Mysuru, on Apr. 13, is seen greeting the newly appointed Committee President M.N. Mahadeva as others look on.

The Committee, headed by M.N. Mahadeva, has H. Shashikumar, N. Surendra, Rakesh Kumar, Ahmed Saleem, C. Vijayalakshmi, N. Reshma, G. Padmavathi, Syed Saddam and N. Lokesh as Members.

KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, former Mayors Pushpalatha Jagannath and Pushpalatha Chikkanna, former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli, former Corporator Arif Hussain and other local leaders were present.

N'gud temple records Rs. 2.11 crore 'hundi' collection

Nanjangud, Apr. 18- Srikanteshwara Temple at Nanjangud, popularly known as 'Dakshina Kashi,' has recorded a *hundi* collection of Rs. 2.11 crore. Counting of all the temple *hundis*, which are more than 30 in number, was taken up on Thursday, during which Rs. 2,11,50,000 in cash, 58 grams of gold & 2.5 kgs of silver articles and 46 foreign currencies were found.

The counting was taken up at temple's Dasoha Bhavan under the supervision of Temple EO C.J. Krishna & Bank officials.

NO Guide, TREK

Forest Department issues new SOP of trekking and eco-trails in the State

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY & VNS)- The Forest Department released a fresh SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) yesterday making it mandatory for trekking groups to have at least one certified nature guide / trek guide to enter forest or eco-trails under Karnataka Forest Department jurisdiction. SOP has been issued to ensure safety of trekkers.

According to the new SOP, each deployed guide must carry following equipment:

GPS-enabled Walkie-Talkie/ Two-way radio (fully charged, tested before departure); Fully stocked First Aid Kit (as per KEDB specification), Topographic map of the trail and a compass, GPS device or GPS-enabled smartphone with offline trail maps downloaded, Personal whistle for emergency signalling, Torch/ headlamp with spare batteries, Emergency contact list laminated and always carried, Adequate drinking water (minimum two litres personal supply) and high-visibility identification vest or jacket. The guide will be responsible for the safety of the trekkers.

Meanwhile, it is mandatory for trekkers to register through mobile application at the base camp before commencing the trek. They will be monitored through the App during the trek. Registration must include their full name, age, gender, contact number, emergency contact and medical condition.

Trekkers must also produce valid Government-issued photo ID. Those below 18 years must have written consent from parents or guardians. Fitness certificates from a registered medical practitioner must be produced by trekkers above 60 years and any trekker appearing to be unwell, intoxicated or physically unfit will be denied entry to the trail.

The Forest Department has banned trekkers from carrying single-use plastic items, alcohol, tobacco or any intoxicants, firecrackers, weapons or sharp objects, loud music players or any item that may disturb wildlife or damage forest ecology while allowing the trekkers to carry personal water bottle, light snacks in reusable containers, appropriate trekking footwear, sober clothing, personal medication, cameras and binoculars (no flash in sensitive wildlife areas).

The new SOP has been introduced in the wake of a Kerala woman going missing during a trek at Thadiyandamol in Kodagu and death of a minor girl near Manikyadhara in Chikkamagalur.

Vishwamanav Express gets LHB coaches

Mysuru, Apr. 18- South Western Railway (SWR), Hubballi, has taken a step to enhance passenger safety and comfort by replacing conventional ICF coaches with modern LHB coaches for Train No. 20676/20675 Mysuru-Belagavi-Mysuru Vishwamanav Superfast Express.

The revised composition will come into effect from 26.4.2026 from Mysuru and from 27.4.2026 from Belagavi.

At present, the train operates with 21 conventional ICF coaches. It will now run with a total of 20 LHB coaches, comprising one AC Chair Car, 12 General Class coaches, five Second Seating Chair Cars, one Brake, Luggage and Generator Car and one Second Class Luggage-cum-Brake Van with Divyang-friendly compartment.

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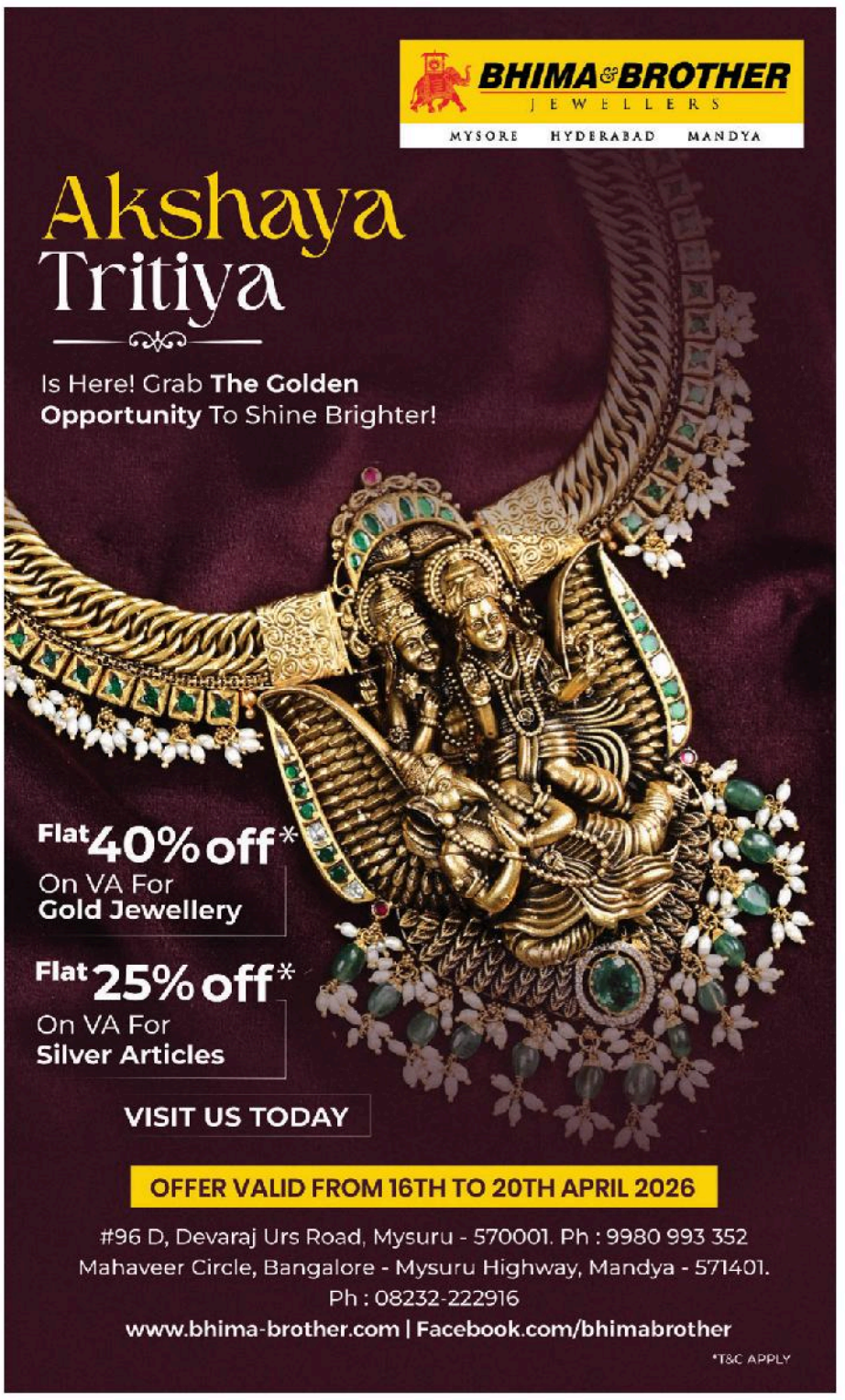
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Leopard found under bed at Siddarthanagar house

Wild cat seeks refuge indoors to escape summer heat, spotted by domestic help

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&BCT)- A leopard sneaked into a house on Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar, in the heart of Mysuru city, yesterday morning, triggering panic among residents. Forest officials later captured the animal and shifted it to the Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue, Rehabilitation and Conservation Breeding Centre at Koorgalli.

The leopard, estimated to be around three to four years old, was first noticed around 11.30 am by a domestic worker, who spotted it hiding under a cot while cleaning a room. The incident left residents of the otherwise quiet and prominent locality both alarmed and astonished.

The animal had entered the house of Suresh, a retired Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Engineer and remained under a bed in one of the rooms for over two hours. It was later tranquillised and safely secured by Forest personnel. Suresh lives with his wife Sujatha and his elderly mother Shailaja Rudrappa, who is bedridden due to age-related ailments.

The house on Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar, where the leopard was found taking refuge under a cot.

According to the family, Shailaja was resting on her bed after breakfast when the leopard is believed to have entered the house around 10.30 am and taken shelter beneath it. Despite Sujatha visiting the room multiple times, the animal went unnoticed.

Quick thinking helps

The situation came to light when the domestic worker entered the room to collect garbage and noticed the leopard lying under the bed, facing the wall. She immediately alerted Sujatha, who confirmed the presence of the animal.

Realising the danger, Sujatha quickly carried her mother-in-law out of the room. In the process, she stumbled in the hall, but with the help of the domestic worker, both managed to move out safely. She then shut the room door from outside after spotting the leopard move, effectively confining it inside. The Forest Department was alerted immediately.

Feline rests indoors

Forest officials, who arrived at the spot, initially struggled to locate the animal from outside. To confirm its presence, they used a mobile phone tied to a stick to record footage from under the bed through a window. The video confirmed the leopard was inside. Officials said, the animal appeared calm and inactive, likely resting in the cool room under the fan amid the rising heat outside.

Zoo Veterinarian Dr. Shashidhar later darted the leopard with a tranquilliser. Within minutes, it was immobilised, following which the team entered the room, secured it in a net and shifted it into a cage. A second dose was administered to ensure safe transport.

The operation was carried out under the guidance of Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCFs) K. Paramesh (Territorial) and Dr. I.B. Prabhugowda (Wildlife).

More than 30 staff, including ACF Ravindra and RFO H. Puttaswamy, took part in the rescue, ensuring no harm to residents or the animal.

'I had to save a life; fear wasn't an option'

Sujatha

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Recounting the tense moments following the rescue, homeowner Sujatha Suresh described how a routine morning turned into a life-threatening situation at her Siddarthanagar residence. "We usually keep the front door shut. Yesterday morning, it was open for barely five minutes and we had no idea a leopard had entered," she said.

According to Sujatha, the presence of the animal came to light when the domestic worker entered the room to clear garbage and noticed something lying under the bed where her mother-in-law was resting.

"At first, I thought it was a doll. But when I looked again, I realised it was a leopard," she said.

Sujatha said, she immediately lifted her bedridden mother-in-law and carried her out of the room. "I stumbled while coming out, but managed to move her to safety," she said. She then returned to check and, on seeing the leopard move its head, quickly shut the door, confining it inside. Her husband alerted Forest officials.

"Initially, they thought it might be a cat. But I insisted it was a leopard. Only after they recorded a video under the bed using a mobile phone tied to a stick did they believe me," she said. Sujatha said, she acted without hesitation. "I wasn't afraid. I knew I had to save a life," she added.

Elderly lady stays calm

Shailaja Rudrappa, the elderly mother of Suresh, recalled the incident with striking composure. "I didn't know a leopard had entered the room," she said. "It was only when my daughter-in-law Sujatha carried me out that she told me there was a leopard under the bed."

Despite the proximity to danger, Shailaja said, she remained calm. "I felt no fear or panic. With my son and daughter-in-law beside me, I had courage," she added. A resident of Siddarthanagar for 35 years, she said this was her first such encounter. "Never in all these years had I seen a leopard. This was the first time," she said.

Monkeys sounded alarm!

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Residents of Siddarthanagar had alerted Forest officials about a suspected leopard sighting as early as 6 am yesterday.

A rapid response team was deployed and combed the area, but found no pug marks or supporting CCTV evidence. Officials initially suspected that the animal may have been mistaken for a civet cat and called off the search. However, the earlier alert was validated hours later when a leopard was found inside a house in the locality around 11.30 am.

Residents said that the animal, possibly disturbed by traffic and human activity, may have moved across rooftops while trying to find a safe spot.

Troops of monkeys reportedly raised alarm calls from early morning, but the signs went largely unnoticed. Even after the leopard entered the house, monkeys in neighbouring buildings continued to shriek.

Forest officials suspect the leopard may have strayed from the Chamundi Hill region, where sightings have been reported in recent months, particularly around Tavarekatte and Lalithadripura. CCTV footage from nearby farms and estates has earlier shown leopards frequenting the area, often in search of water or prey during the night.

Spotted 18 years ago

Siddarthanagar, a densely populated locality with little open space or vegetation, has rarely seen leopard movement. Only known instance dates back about 18 years, when a leopard was spotted in Jockey Quarters. That operation turned violent, with the animal injuring a Forest staffer and a photographer during the capture. Barring that incident, the area has remained free of leopard sightings until now.

BJP leader Yogesh Gowda murder case

Cong. MLA Vinay Kulkarni, 15 others sentenced to life

Bengaluru, Apr. 18 (Agencies)- In a landmark judgment, former Minister Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni and 15 others were yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment with Rs. 30,000 fine each by a Special Court for People's Representatives here in connection with the 2016 murder of BJP leader Yogeesh Gowda.

Vinay Kulkarni

Earlier this week, Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat had convicted Vinay Kulkarni and others under Sections 302 (murder) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Channakeshava B. Tingarikar, the Investigating Officer (IO) at the time (Accused No. 19), was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for destruction of evidence, while other two accused, Vasudev Rama Nilekani and Somashekhar Nyamagowda, were acquitted on the benefit of doubt.

The Court also directed that Rs. 16 lakh from the fines imposed on the convicts be paid as compensation to the victim's children, with the remaining amount forfeited to the State. It added that failure to pay fines the convicts would serve an additional three months imprisonment.

Case Background

Yogeesh Gowda, a Dharwad Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member, was hacked to death at a gym in Dharwad on June 15, 2016. The assailants had allegedly thrown chilli powder on his face before attacking him.

Investigations later indicated that the murder was part of a larger conspiracy allegedly stemming from political rivalry and personal enmity, with Vinay Kulkarni, who was a Minister at the time, named as a key conspirator accused of engaging contract killers.

The probe, initially handled by the State Police, was transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2019. The agency examined over 100 witnesses and filed charges under Sections including murder and criminal conspiracy.

Kulkarni was arrested in 2020 and spent several months in custody before being granted bail by the Supreme Court in August 2021. His bail was later cancelled on June 6, 2025 over concerns of alleged witness tampering. In January 2026, the High Court of Karnataka rejected his fresh bail petition.

The trial spanned several years before culminating in the conviction earlier this week, with sentencing pronounced yesterday.

The verdict is being seen as a significant legal and political development, and may have implications for Kulkarni's status as a Legislator. He represents Dharwad Rural Assembly Constituency.

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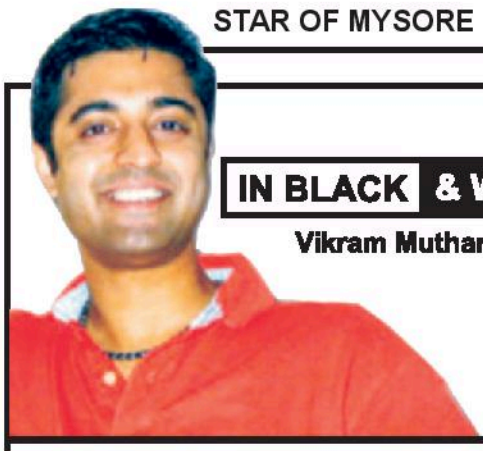


IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Cat naps under the bed while...

Government snores on top

Yesterday morning, a three-year-old leopard that had come down from Chamundi Hill sneaked into a house in Siddarthanagar, got cosy under a bed and went to sleep. Probably after having made a meal out of a street dog. Thankfully, the leopard was captured with no injury to him or to humans.

Across India, human-animal conflict is intensifying at an alarming pace. Between 2019 and 2024, elephant attacks caused over 2,700 human deaths, while tigers were responsible for 349. That is, on average, one human life lost every single day for five years.

On the other hand, the cost to wildlife is equally stark. In 2025, 149 leopards and over 150 elephants were killed by electrocution, train collisions and poisoning. This is a sign of the times to come.

India is projected to become a global hotspot for human-animal conflict by 2070. Yet policy responses remain fragmented, reactive and non-serious. Just consider what is happening in our own State.

Karnataka now ranks among India's worst human-animal conflict zones, with Kodagu at its epicentre accounting for nearly 38% of deaths in the State. Thirteen people died there in 2023-24. Since January this year, three have died.

In Kodagu, the threat is evolving; it's not just elephants anymore, now it's tigers too.

Rising tiger density in protected areas like Nagarahole has pushed big cats into coffee estates, resulting in significant cattle losses and heightened anxiety.

The wildlife populations have increased thanks to conservation success, but habitats have not expanded accordingly.

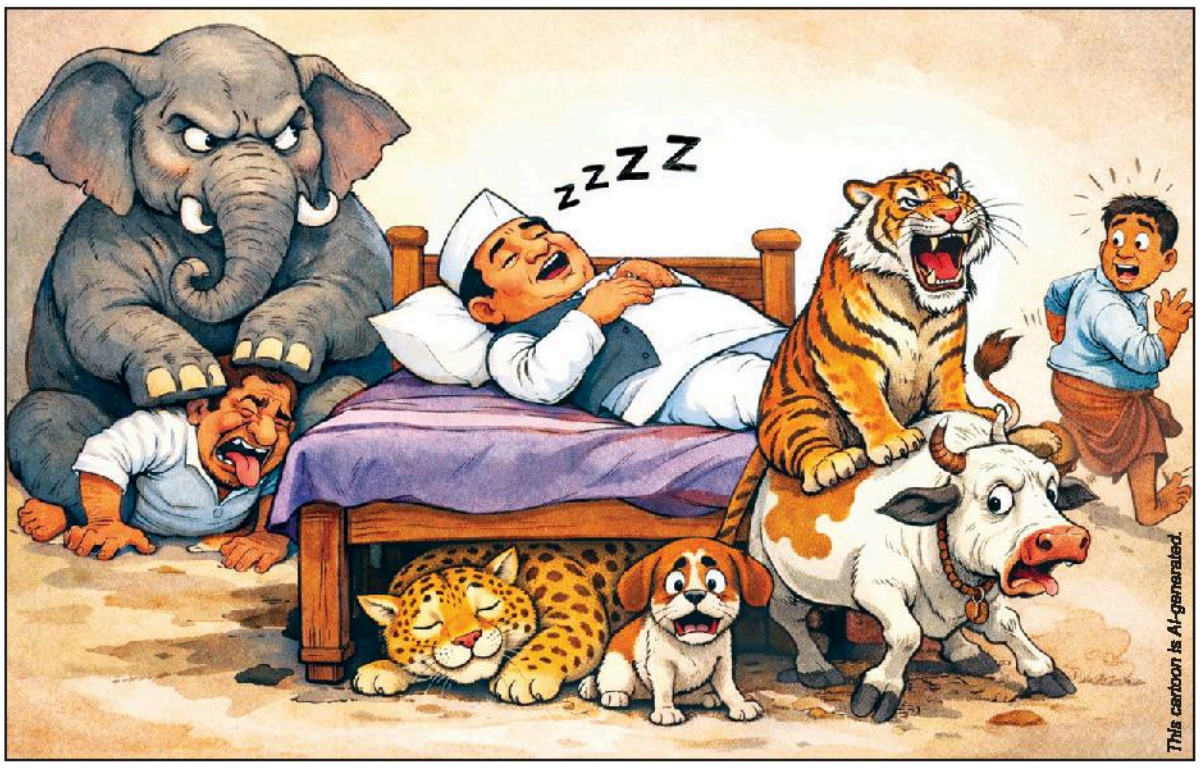
Forests are fragmented, corridors are disrupted and resources are strained. The inevitable result is wildlife spillover.

This leads to a difficult question that then leads to a taboo question.

First, have we reached ecological carrying capacity in certain regions? Which means have our forests reached their full capacity to sustain the present and future numbers of elephants, tigers and other animals?

If the answer is yes, which many think it is and if not, then it will get there, then it's time to talk about wildlife management instead of just wildlife protection. Which leads to the taboo question: Are we ready to cull?

Around the world, countries have adopted targeted population control measures to balance ecosystems and reduce conflict.



Namibia and Zimbabwe cull elephants and hippos where overpopulation threatens both habitat and human safety. Australia and the United States implement controlled culling of species like crocodiles and alligators in high-risk areas.

In India, even raising the subject invites outrage.

This is not an argument for indiscriminate culling. It is an argument for scientific, data-driven management of wildlife populations in areas where human-animal conflicts are intensifying.

Meanwhile, those on the frontlines adapt as best they can. Planters are cutting jackfruit trees and banana plantations to deter elephants. It hasn't worked. Elephants, remarkably adaptable, are now developing a taste for ripe coffee berries.

But there is a silver lining, like the expensive *'Civet Cat Coffee'* made from collecting coffee beans from its poop, maybe Kodagu can produce *'Elephant Coffee'*. Time to stop picking berries from trees and digging into elephant dung?

For now, if we want the Government to implement a policy to manage human-animal conflicts, we'll have to hope elephants stray into Mandya district and start enjoying their juicy sugarcane plantations. Why?

Because no one knows how to protest better than the people of Mandya, be it the Cauvery issue or farmers' deaths. So, when Mandya erupts due to elephant menace, Vidhana Soudha will wet its pants and pull up its socks and push out a policy.

If we continue to treat incidents such as a leopard under a bed, an elephant running amok or a tiger attack as mere spectacles rather than symptoms of a larger issue, we will continue to have big cats turning our pets into their snack and enter our homes to take a cat nap.

P.S. - Siddarthanagar seems to be the most loved place for runaway animals.

In the late 1980s, a rather large chimpanzee named *'Max'* escaped from the Mysuru Zoo and immediately made the Sports Club on Lalitha Mahal Road its home.

As the Zoo workers chased him, he soon settled down on the terrace of a house in Siddarthanagar.

Back then, Siddarthanagar was not completely built up, so the house the chimpanzee chose did not have houses around it. Then the Zoo Director C.D. Krishnegowda brought three elephants, surrounded the house, keeping the chimpanzee under house arrest.

Meanwhile, since there were no tranquillisers available, the Zoo workers placed some food and water laced heavily with India's favourite *'Holi drink' — Bhaang*.

The tired chimpanzee ravenously consumed the food and was soon all *'bhaanged-up.'* The Zoo officials then carried away a *'High Max'* who was in a deep drunken stupor.

'Max' the chimp lived for a long time after that heady night and even went on to father a son named *Vali,* who died in 2013.

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TiECON: 17 firms pitch for a total Rs. 85 crore

Seen in the picture are (standing from left) TiE Global Board of Trustees Immediate Past President Murali Bukapatnam, Trustee Anshuman Sinha, TiE Mysuru President Bhaskar Kalale, TiE Mysuru-2026 Chairman Ram Kevalur, Zoho Corporation Co-Founder Kumar Vembu, Pairee Group Founder and Chairman B.N. Chandrakanth, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) Vice-President Chetan Dixit, KDEM Head (Mysuru Cluster) Sudheer Shankar, Senior Advisor (Information and Communication Technology) South Asia Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland, Siddharth Naintani, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) Assistant Director Pavithra Dashmi Parthan and Advisor (Political, Economic and Cultural Affairs) German Consulate, Bengaluru Kanchi Arora. Picture right shows stalls setup as part of TiECON Mysuru-2026 at JCAC premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage.

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TiECON Mysuru-2026, organised to position Mysuru as one of India's most vibrant and respected hubs for entrepreneurship, innovation and industry, is also designed as a platform to enable start-ups, industry, academia, investors and Government to work together with shared intent, Bhaskar Kalale added.

Commitment to quality

Inaugurating the event, Kumar Vembu, Co-Founder of Zoho Corporation, stressed the importance of planning, knowledge and perseverance in building successful enterprises. "Starting a company requires clarity of thought and courage. Beyond funding, strong fundamentals and a commitment to quality are crucial," he said.

He urged young entrepreneurs to make the most of platforms such as TiECON Mysuru. "Many innovators have strong ideas but lack financial backing. Events like these connect them with investors and help translate ideas into viable businesses," he added, while also reflecting on his own entrepreneurial journey.

Collaborations, panel meets

Today's events feature established Mysuru region industries showcasing their products, capabilities and innovation partnerships to investors, ecosystem leaders and conference delegates. This will be followed by start-ups, incubators and ecosystem partners sharing pilots, meeting investors, customers, among others, to explore possibilities of collaboration, along with a series of talks and panel discussions on various industry-related themes by the invited speakers and guests.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were introduced to desi and traditional games and folk arts. Artistes presented folk arts such as *Kamsale, Veeragase, Yakshagana* and *Chande,* among others.

Discussions were also held on building a cultural business to help artistes. Later, the delegates played desi games such as Pagade, Chowkabara and Snakes-and-Ladders, among others.

Davangere South Assembly seat row

Ulamas flay action against MLCs Abdul Jabbar, Naseer Ahmed

Moulana Abu Ayub Ansari (third from right) addressing media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavana in the city this morning as (from left) Moulana Fayaz Ahmed Rashadi, Moulana Arshad, Moulana Zakaulla, Hazrath Mufti Syed Tajuddin Saheb, Moulana Syed Ibraheem and Kounen Mirza look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (GA&BS)- Joining the growing chorus against the removal of Congress MLCs K. Abdul Jabbar from the primary membership of the party and Naseer Ahmed from the post of Political Secretary to Chief Minister, over the allegations of anti-party activities, during the recently concluded by-poll for Davangere South Assembly Constituency, President of Ulama-E-Mysore Hazarat Mufti Syed Tajuddin Saheb, has condemned the move of the Congress party.

Addressing media persons at Patrakarthara Bhavana in the city this morning, Mufti Tajuddin Saheb described it as a hasty move on the part of Congress, as on other occasions, the party issues a show-cause notice before taking action against any leaders.

"The minority communities voted in a big way in favour of the Congress party in the 2023 Assembly elections. Instead of rewarding the representatives of minority communities with plum posts, how fair is it for the party to remove them from the posts allotted to them?" he asked.

Saying that, the minority communities hail Chief Minister Siddaramaiah as their leader, Mufti Tajuddin Saheb, insisted that Siddaramaiah should give deep thought before taking any decision. The action taken against both the leaders should be revoked and continued in the same post, he demanded.

It may be mentioned that Abdul Jabbar, who was serving as the President of KPCC Minority wing, resigned following the allegations of anti-party activities. While Naseer Ahmed, who remained defiant despite the Chief Minister asking him to step down, was eventually removed as the CM's Political Secretary.

Balamuri, Edamuri entry banned

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A popular picnic spot

Balamuri, in particular, attracts large crowds. The waterfall, formed by a concrete barrier across the river, offers a scenic view, especially when water is released from the KRS Dam.

But officials and residents warn that the force of the water during such releases is intense and those venturing onto the barrier risk being swept downstream onto sharp rocks and boulders.

Despite repeated warnings, visitors often enter the water. Officials said, even minor negligence while wading or playing in the river has proved fatal in several cases.

The restrictions follow repeated instances of tourists ignoring safety advisories. Large groups, including students on vacation, have been seen venturing into dangerous stretches despite whirlpools and strong currents.

An incident on Apr. 12, in which a youth reportedly drowned after entering the water on a challenge, has added to concerns.

Residents, concerned by recurring tragedies, have been urging stricter measures and better awareness. Although security personnel are deployed and make regular announcements, these are often ignored.

Poor compliance

Authorities have installed warning boards at vulnerable points and put up banners highlighting the risks. However, compliance remains poor, with many visitors choosing to disregard advisories.

Officials also pointed out that the areas have increasingly seen public drinking and unruly behaviour, adding to safety concerns.

The restrictions are being enforced under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Act. Home Guards have been stationed at entry points to turn away visitors, while KRS Police are monitoring the area while the ban is in force.

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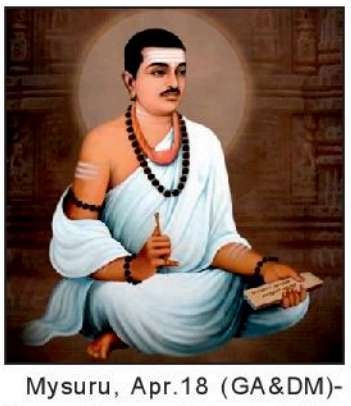
Vijayanagar Yoganarasimha Swamy Temple founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Temple Manager Srinivasan, Proprietor of Raghulal & Co., N.Raghavan, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse and others releasing the Bhagawan Yoganarasimha Swamy Calendar sponsored by Raghulal & Co., at a programme held at Yoganarasimha Swamy Temple in Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

Promotional Feature

Two-day Basava Jayanti in city from tomorrow



Basava Balagagala Okkuta President M. Chandrashekar addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as office-bearers J.M. Jaishankar Jeemarahalli, K.V. Mallesh, Harish, Ayarahalli Virupaksha, Devaraju Chikkahalli and Daripura Chandrashekar look on.

Mysuru, Apr.18 (GA&DM)- Mysuru Basava Balagagala Okkuta, in association with District Administration, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha and Veerashaiva-Lingayat organisations will celebrate Basava Jayanti at Kalamandira in city on Apr.19 and 20.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Basava Balagagala Okkuta President M. Chandrashekar said this year, the Jayanti is being celebrated under the theme 'Namma Basavanna Samskrutika Nayaka.'

Pointing out that the celebrations will begin with 'Shatsthala Dwajarohana' (flag hoisting) in the presence of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji at 8.15 am on Apr.19, Chandrashekar said Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti will launch the procession at Sri Basaveshwara Statue near JSS Mahavidyapeetha at 8.30 am, in the presence of Heavy Industries Minister M.B. Patil, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, NICE Managing Director Ashok Kheny, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, H.M. Ganesh Prasad, T.S. Srivatsa, Tanveer Sait and other dignitaries.

The procession, accompanied by a host of folk and cultural troupes, will pass through Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Basaveshwara Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, MCC Office, K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road, before culminating at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road.

At 1 pm on Apr.19, a health check-up camp at Kalamandira will be inaugurated by JSS Mahavidyapeetha Hon. Secretary S.P. Manjunath.

At 1.30 pm, writer Prof. C. Naganna will inaugurate an expo of Vachana paintings of senior artist L. Shivalingappa. Later at 2 pm, cultural programmes will take place which will be inaugurated by Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar.

Artists Amit Papanna, Nanditha Mahesh and Chamundi Hill steps cleaning activist Madaiah will be felicitated. At 6 pm, a dance-drama based on Basavanna's Vachanas will be performed by Nirantara Mysuru artistes.

CM to lay foundation for Basavanna statue

On Apr.20, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will lay the foundation stone for the statue of Basavanna in the premises of new DC's Office at Siddarthanagar at 9.30 am.

Later, the CM will formally inaugurate Basava Jayanti celebrations by garlanding the statue of Basaveshwara at Gun House Circle. Thereafter, Siddaramaiah will inaugurate Basava Jayanti stage programme and Basava Rashtriya Puraskara presentation at Kalamandira at 10.30 am. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will release a souvenir in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

At 2 pm, seminars and books release will take place during which Kundur Mutt's Sri Sharatchandra Swamiji will release 'Basava Vachana Chintana' 'Anudina Vachana' and 'Prakashakaru' books.

Prof. M. Krishnegowda, Dr. Rajappa Dalwai and Prof. Ashok Sangappa Alur will deliver lectures during the seminar.

The valedictory will be held at 5 pm. State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra will deliver the valedictory address. Siddaganga Mutt Junior Pontiff Sri Shivasiddeshwara Swamiji will release the book 'Sharana Tatvada Haadiyalli', while Devanur Mutt's Mahanta Swamiji will release 'Basava Kaivalya Deepike' on the occasion.

Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat State President and former IAS Officer Dr. C. Somashekar and Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha State President and former IPS Officer Shankar Bidari will be the chief guests.

Padma Shri awardee Dr. S.J. Susheelamma, Mysuru Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Kodagu Additional DC Aishwarya, Karnataka Union of Working Journalists President Shivanand Tagadur, sculptor Arun Yogiraj, farmer leader Kurubur Shantakumar, Sparsha Hospital head Dr. Sharan Patil, academician N. Sachidanandamurthy and Chinnaswamy Vaddagere will be felicitated.

Office-bearers J.M. Jaishankar Jeemarahalli, K.V. Mallesh, Harish, Ayarahalli Virupaksha, Devaraju Chikkahalli and Daripura Chandrashekar were present at the press meet.

'Continuous studies key for success in UPSC, KPSC competitive exams'

MCC Additional Commissioner B.N. Veena releases study book 'Muktabhandara'

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse (4th from left) and MCC Additional Commissioner B.N. Veena (5th from left) seen releasing 'Muktabhandara' study book at the valedictory of coaching class for UPSC Civil Services and KPSC exams at Cauvery auditorium in KSOU campus recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (DM)- "Continuous studies holds key for achieving success in competitive exams in this highly competitive world," said MCC Additional Commissioner B.N. Veena.

She was speaking at the valedictory of the 50-day coaching class for UPSC Civil Services and KPSC competitive exams organised by KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri campus here recently.

Observing that the aspirants are already aware about how to prepare for the exams, Veena lauded the KSOU Coaching Centre for guiding the candidates in the best way.

Highlighting that the candidates will develop more interest by considering a successful individual as a role model during preparations, she said she always considered the first IPS woman officer of the country Kiran Bedi as her role model.

"Now, I have got a chance to serve the society just as Kiran Bedi," she said and called upon the aspirants to make best use of the training they got in this coaching class.

Commercial Taxes Department Mysuru Division Joint Commissioner M. Balasubramanya, who also spoke, said competitive exams are like a long distance journey.

Maintaining that hard work and efforts are important while preparing for any competitive exam, he advised the aspirants to make notes of what they read.

Emphasising on the need for going through past question papers and review them, Balasubramanya said the aspirants can choose their own way of study.

Explaining the importance of developing communication skills, he hoped the participants must have learnt a lot from this coaching class and wished them all success.

On the occasion, Veena released 'Muktabhandara', the study book brought out by KSOU Coaching Centre.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse too spoke. KSOU Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar, Dean (Academics) Prof. Ramanatham Naidu, Coaching Class Co-ordinator Jainahalli Sathyanarayanagowda, Siddesh Honnur, Ganesh K.G. Koppal and others were present.

Nursing students air ills

Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary interacts with students of Government College of Nursing, MMC&RI

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (VVH&BS)- The sorry state of affairs pertaining to nursing students at K.R. Hospital and Princess Krishnajammanni TB and Chest Diseases Hospital on KRS Road, under the jurisdiction of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI), came to fore, during an interaction programme held with the Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women, Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary in city yesterday.

Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary, Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Women, interacting with nursing students at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) in city yesterday.

In the interaction that lasted three-and-a-half hours, starting from 2.30 pm, nursing students belonging to Government College of Nursing, MMC&RI, shed light on many burning issues, listing about 28, including that of poor basic infrastructural facilities, risking the lives of both nurses and the patients.

Dr. Nagalakshmi, herself a Dental Graduate, was appalled and aghast to learn from nursing students, how the syringes are being used on multiple occasions, violating prescribed norms. In addition, the students are forced to work without any safety apparatus like; hand gloves and masks. "We should attend to cases, without taking any preventive vaccine," alleged students, highlighting the gravity of affairs at the Government-owned teaching hospitals.

"The syringe used on the first day of admission of patients is being reused till their discharge. If the syringe is disposed, the students have to face the wrath of supervisors, due to the non-availability of fresh syringes due to no indent," rued a student.

That apart, the students alleged, they are forced to clean the walls of ICU and also lights. When some of the serving nurses turned down the allegations, the students showed video evidence to prove their stand.

A day's leave comes at a cost, as the students are compelled to work on Sundays for nearly full day. The work hours exceed class hours and the complaints raised with the Nursing College Principal, have fallen on deaf ears, the students complained.

"There are 170 first year nursing students, who are already deputed to paediatric ward. They barely have any knowledge on children's care, while in reality, it is only in the third semester that they will be taught on nuances of paediatric care. To fill the gap created owing to lack of adequate number of nurses, the students are deployed at paediatric wards," they alleged further.

The other complaints included about how the nursing students seeking bus facilities, are discriminated along with MBBS students, for the sole reason that latter pays Rs. 45,000 as bus fee. The cleaner says, priority is for MBBS students. In addition, the disparity continues with Diploma in Nursing students, at Clinical section. Skill Lab is not fully equipped, as it is difficult to learn without projector and mannequins facilities, depriving us from getting quality education, the students alleged, crying for justice from Dr. Nagalakshmi.

In her reply, Dr. Nagalakshmi instructed Nursing College Principal Dr. Nanda Prakash to provide vaccine to nursing students within 2-3 days. Or else, the authorities concerned should be ready to face action, she warned.

Regarding denial of bus facilities to nursing students, Dr. Nagalakshmi, who took exception to ill-treatment, when compared with according priority to MBBS students, questioned whether doctors can perform their duty without nurses assistance? Every profession deserves respect and hence, the arrangements should be made to provide bus facilities to nursing students too, she instructed.

MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Administrative Officer Mahesh, K.R. Hospital Administrative Board Member Thanuja Mahesh, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr. Nayaz, Supervisor Shobha and MMC&RI Principal Dr. K. Sathish were present.

Big hike in fees from Rs. 2,700 to Rs. 12,500

A steep rise in fees charged for nursing students from Rs. 2,700 to Rs. 12,500, raised the eyebrows of Dr. Nagalakshmi, who sought a comprehensive report, along with explanation behind revising the fees structure.

Nursing students said, while the fees has been increased here, the Hassan college still continues to charge Rs. 2,600 fees amount. Despite paying hefty fees, there is no adequate library facility here. How fair it is to collect excess fees from the students, majority of who belong to rural areas? asked the students, who produced receipts of both MMC&RI and Hassan nursing colleges.

As MMC&RI Government Nursing College Principal failed to provide reasons for fee hike, Dr. Nagalakshmi, sought a clear explanation. If the fees collected is more than the Govt. stipulated fees amount, excess fees should be returned to students, he added.

No separate building

Nursing College has no separate building and more than that, 13 lecturers teach 600 students, while the rule clearly states that, every 60 students should have one lecturer. Besides, the classes are not conducted regularly and weekly-off is denied. The skill-based teaching is missing and if any student dares to question the inadequacies, they are targeted. The college library has no materials to acquire knowledge about current academic matters. The hospitals lack rest room for nurses and so also the hostel facility at the college.

What's disturbing further is the denial of registration number for students to avail scholarship through State Scholarship Portal (SSP). The outside State students shell thousands of rupees on advance and rent to avail rented accommodations. When it comes to sports, there is neither any separate funds to purchase required equipment nor due encouragement to budding sports persons.

"Gaata Rahe Mera Dil - 2"

Melodies of romance enthral audience

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Somanath Vasudeva, Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Sam Cherian, Managing Director of Schevaran Laboratories, Mysuru, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath, Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath, Kavitha Kamath and Nithyanand Kamath (Geethasangam-fame couple) seen during the inauguration of "Gaata Rahe Mera Dil" musical evening at Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, in city on Apr.12. Picture right shows doctor couple, Dr. Somanath Vasudeva and Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath, rendering a duet.***

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Music-lovers in city were treated to a nostalgic and soul-stirring evening as ***"Gaata Rahe Mera Dil - 2: RRR Romantic Hits"*** was presented by the doctor couple, Dr. Somanath Vasudeva and Dr. Seethalakshmy, at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Apr. 12.

The programme, celebrating timeless romantic melodies, witnessed an almost full auditorium, reflecting the audience's enduring love for classic film music.

The evening commenced with a grand entry of artistes to their signature song "Gaata Rahe Mera Dil," setting the tone for a musical journey down memory lane. This was followed by a warm welcome by Dr. Somanath.

In a poignant moment, the artistes paid tribute to legendary singer Asha Bhosle, who passed away earlier that day and to Kannada icon Dr. Rajkumar, marking his 20th death anniversary.

The formal inauguration took place with lighting of lamp by entrepreneur Sam Cherian, Dr. Umesh Kamath, Nithyanand Kamath, Kavitha Kamath, Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy and Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, along with the artistes.

A unique highlight of the evening was a serene violin invocation rendered by Dr. Somanath. The proceedings were then seamlessly carried forward by compere Aftab Ahmed and co-host Mahesh, who engaged the audience with warmth and wit.

The concert featured a carefully curated blend of Hindi and Kannada romantic classics, paying tribute to the musical brilliance of Mohammed Rafi, Dr. Rajkumar and R.D. Burman. The songs presented included favourites such as "Dil Pukare," "Bahon Mein Chale Aao," "Tere Bina Zindagi Se Koi" and "Abhi Na Jao Chhodkar," interwoven with Kannada gems like "Beladingalaagi Baa" and "Baala Bangara Neenu."

Dr. Seethalakshmy's rendition of "Poojisalende Hoovugala-Thande" was truly soul-stirring, while "Baala Bangara Neenu" beautifully brought out the rustic charm and expressions inherent in the composition.

Dr. Somanath presented "Kiska Rasta Dekhe" with finesse, capturing the essence of the original made popular by Kishore Kumar. The evergreen Dr. Rajkumar numbers "Beladingalaagi Baa" and "Cheluveya Nota Chenna" evoked deep emotions and nostalgia among the audience.

The duets "Idu Raama Mandira" and "Yeko Yeno Ee Nanna Manavu" rekindled memories of Annavaru's signature romantic expressions, while "Jaane Jaa Dhoondhta Phir Kahaan," "Hawa Ke Saath Saath" and "O Meri Soni" added vibrant shades to the romantic mood.

The grand finale, "Abhi Na Jao Chhodkar," one of the most celebrated romantic duets of Rafi and Asha, left the audience yearning for more. A notable highlight was the innovative segment titled "Emoji Se Gaane," an engaging audience interaction where participants guessed songs based on emoji clues and had the songs dedicated to them.

Dr. Seethalakshmy Somanath proposed the vote of thanks.

Solo play 'Deepadharini' staged

H.N. Puttagowramma, Deputy Director of PU Education, Chamarajanagar, being feted by organisers. Pic. right shows Srividya Kamath staging play.

Mysuru, Apr. 18- As part of International Women's Day, the Academy of Fine Arts, Srirangapatna and Ayama Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru, had organised a solo play titled 'Deepadharini' at Ayama Academy Kalakuteera, Bogadi 2nd Stage here recently.

The play, carrying the meaningful message "Is being a woman alone enough?" was beautifully performed by Srividya Kamath.

Written by Sudha Adukal and directed by Dr. Shripada Bhat, the play portrayed the struggles, pain, sacrifices and inner strength of women in a deeply touching manner.

Prior to the play, a special programme was conducted in which Dr. B.S. Dinamani, a lecturer and theatre artiste, recited a poem reflecting the sensitivities and emotions of women.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest H.N. Puttagowramma, Deputy Director of Pre-University Education Department, Chamarajanagar, said in today's society there is often a difference between parents' expectations and children's interests.

She emphasised that parents should recognise their children's interests and encourage them in fields such as music, dance, theatre, poetry and sports. These art forms, she noted, often become a source of strength and support during difficult times in life.

Expressing concern over the alarming statistics of female foeticide in Chamarajanagar, Mysuru and Mandya districts, she highlighted that women play numerous roles in life — as daughters, sisters, wives, mothers and grandmothers — making immense sacrifices and therefore women truly embody the spirit of sacrifice.

Dr. S.V. Shambhavi Swamy, Director of Ayama Academy; S.V.R. Swamy, President; Prof. Kyatanahalli Ramanna; Srinivasu Palahalli, Director of Niranthara; V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, film actor Balraj Wadi, along with hundreds of children and parents attended.

Concert at Vasudevacharya's house

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Vidu. K.S. Ramamani, a senior artiste from Mysuru, will present a Karnatak vocal concert at Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya's house, near Basaveshwara Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, tomorrow (Apr. 19) at 10.30 am.

She will be accompanied by Vid. M.V. Shantha Kumar on violin and Vid. M.S. Lakshmikanth on mridanga.

Profile: Vidu. Ramamani, now 76, has been a popular musician and teacher in city. A disciple of Sri Munivenkatappa in Davanagere and Vid. A.R. Krishnamurthy, a well-known musician of yesteryears, she has been performing for nearly six decades now.

Vid. Shantha Kumar (disciple of Vid. Mahadevappa and Vid. HKN) and Vid. Lakshmikanth (grandson and disciple of Vid. Rajappa) have been both performing for decades now.

Agniveer Recruitment Rally: Candidates arrive in city

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&DM)- With the nine-day Agniveer Recruitment Rally scheduled to take place at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad starting from tomorrow (Apr. 19 to 27), the eligible candidates from across Karnataka and Kerala districts have started arriving in the city since this morning, both by road and rail.

The recruitment rally will be held under the aegis of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Department for qualified candidates from Karnataka and Kerala.

The Chamundi Vihar Stadium, the venue of the rally, has fully geared up to conduct the physical endurance and medical fitness tests (second level of recruitment) for candidates. As many as 6,235 candidates from the two States, including 6,043 men and 192 women, who qualified in the first level exam (written exam) held in 2025, are taking part in this rally.

Sources said that 800 to 1,000 candidates will undergo the test daily from Apr. 19 to 27 on their specified date. All the outstation men candidates taking part in the rally will be provided shelter at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road while the women candidates will be sheltered at a Women's Hostel.

KSRTC will be operating special buses to ferry the candidates from Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry to Chamundi Vihar Stadium and back, on all days of the rally. The tests will be videographed on all the days in order to maintain transparency and fairness in recruitment, the sources added.

Three arrested for abducting, assaulting transgender woman

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Metagalli Police have arrested three persons for allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting a transgender woman near a cremation ground near Kumbarakoppal within their limits late on Thursday night.

According to the Police, the survivor (name withheld to protect identity) was returning home alone after repaying a loan to a friend on Apr. 16 when she was accosted by four youths aged between 20 and 30. The accused have been identified as Pavan, Sushil, Harsha and Muruli.

One of the men allegedly lifted her and forced her into a nearby autorickshaw despite her cries for help. Police said that inside the vehicle, two of them restrained her while another molested her. The accused then drove her to a deserted spot near a college on the Outer Ring Road, where she was subjected to further assault. During the ordeal, the woman managed to answer a phone call from a friend, apparently to alert others.

The men fled after noticing a passerby approaching on a motorcycle. The biker helped the woman reach home safely. She later informed her family and community members, sought treatment at K.R. Hospital and filed a complaint with Metagalli Police.

Based on the complaint, Police launched an investigation and arrested three of the accused, Pavan, Sushil and Harsha, within 24 hours. The fourth accused, Muruli, is absconding and efforts are being made to trace him.

A case has been registered by Inspector Vivekananda and Sub-Inspector Ramesh Karkikatti and further investigation is in progress, the Police said.

Bengaluru-based builder allegedly cheats flat buyers of Rs. 12 crore in Mysuru

One of the victims, Kumuda, addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city on Thursday as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 18 (BLU&KS)- A woman has alleged that she and a few other people had been cheated of over Rs. 12 crore by a Bengaluru-based builder on the pretext of providing them flats at an apartment in Chamaraja Mohalla.

While the woman, who has been cheated is Kumuda, the Bengaluru-based builder, who allegedly cheated the flat buyers, is S. Manjunath.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city on Thursday, Kumuda alleged that Manjunath began the construction of the apartment in 2016 and had not completed the works till date.

The construction was taken up as a joint venture and in the total of 24 flats, Manjunath had got 15 flats and the remaining nine flats were given to the land owners.

Pointing out that Manjunath had taken full amount for six flats and had taken more than 85 percent money for the remaining nine flats, Kumuda said that Manjunath had got Sale Deeds for a few and Sale Agreement done for a few persons. She also alleged that Manjunath had illegally got Sale Agreements done for three flats to three persons.

She further alleged that Manjunath, after receiving over Rs. 12 crore, has gone missing and added that Manjunath had given four to five addresses but he was not found in any of them besides stating that when a legal notice was sent to the given addresses, all the notices had returned.

Kumuda said that a complaint was lodged at Lakshmipuram Police Station and the Police had registered a case but Manjunath was preparing to secure bail.

She has urged the District Administration to initiate legal action against Manjunath and get back the money of those who had paid for the flats. Sarojini, Jayasimha, Shivakumar and others, who had paid for the flats, were present at the press meet.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Postulate

Pronunciation: PAHSS-chuh-layt (verb)
Meaning: Postulate is a formal word used to mean "to suggest something, such as an idea or theory, especially in order to start or continue a discussion."
Origin: When you postulate an idea or theory you suggest that it is true especially for the purposes of an argument or discussion. The word postulate is mostly at home in formal and academic contexts, but don't let that stop you from postulating, for example, that takeout for dinner makes sense given the cook's delayed return home from work, or that a thunderstorm is imminent given the cumulonimbus building on the horizon. This "hypothesize" sense of postulate emerged in the early 18th century, but the verb first appeared in English centuries earlier in ecclesiastical contexts, as recorded in our Unabridged dictionary. To postulate someone, according to this sense of the word, was to request that a higher authority in the church sanction their promotion even though they would otherwise be disqualified by church rules or regulations.
Example: "Based on their findings, researchers postulate that Homo sapiens reacted better to lead exposure evolutionarily than Neanderthals, a species that were close relatives to Homo sapiens and that went extinct around 40,000 years ago." — Mason Leath, ABC News, 16 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Palaestra

Wrestling school; gymnasium.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fool's Gold

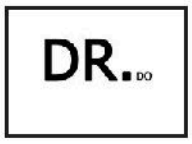
Meaning: The phrase 'Fool's Gold' is used when talking about an item that its owner believes to be valuable, but that really is not so.
Origin: Fool's gold is a yellow mineral that can be mistaken for gold. When a less-than-knowledgeable miner stumbles upon what he believes to be the mother lode only to discover that the mineral is worthless, he has been said to have come upon fool's gold.
Example: "That investment seemed to be a good one, but I found out that it was fool's gold when it crashed and burned."

QUOTE BOX

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. **—Warren Buffett**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Doctor dolittle.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	4	7	6	2	9	8	3
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4	8	1	6	3	9	5	7	2
6	2	9	4	7	5	1	3	8
7	5	3	2	1	8	4	9	6
9	6	8	3	4	7	2	1	5
2	4	7	8	5	1	3	6	9
1	3	5	9	2	6	8	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Flows back
5 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
9 Rail underlayment
12 Thick mass of coagulated liquid, especially blood
13 "The Godfather" co-star
14 Frequently
15 They need combing!
16 Chat or talk with, in a way
18 Help or do a favour to
20 Abnormal membranous sac
21 Distance down
23 Heap
26 Small naval vessel
29 Power-line support
30 A long period of time
31 Prefix for stars, as in ___-logy or ___ -nomy?
33 Card game
34 Baking ingredient
36 Iterates
38 Pakistani language
39 River of Spain and Portugal
40 Jane Austen novel
42 Entreaty or plea
46 Unusual or aberrant
49 Opinion or view
50 In the ___ : owing money?
51 A titled person
52 Selves - "goes" anagram?
53 Walsh and O'Neill
54 A brewer's cart
55 Make a hollow in

DOWN
1 Reverberate
2 Talk indiscreetly
3 ___ down to : amount to essentially?
4 Long step
5 Consents to
6 China's ex-Chairman
7 Cattle station
8 Deadly sin
9 Mexican food
10 Conditions
11 Estimated Time En route
17 Catch sight of
19 Reach; imply? (3,2)
22 Four as a prefix
24 Plunder
25 Son of Seth
26 Hindu wind God
27 Elbe tributary
28 Cul-de-sacs (4,4)
29 Appear suddenly (3,2)
32 Royally or kingly
35 Japanese wrestling
37 Caught sight of
39 English river - "ram at" anagram
41 TV's talking horse (2,2)
43 A border or margin
44 Vast age
45 Final
46 Part of verb to be
47 Place to sleep
48 Old time classic movie Alam ___

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	A	L	C	■	R	Y	A	N	■	E	W	E
O	N	E	R	■	A	E	R	O	■	V	A	N
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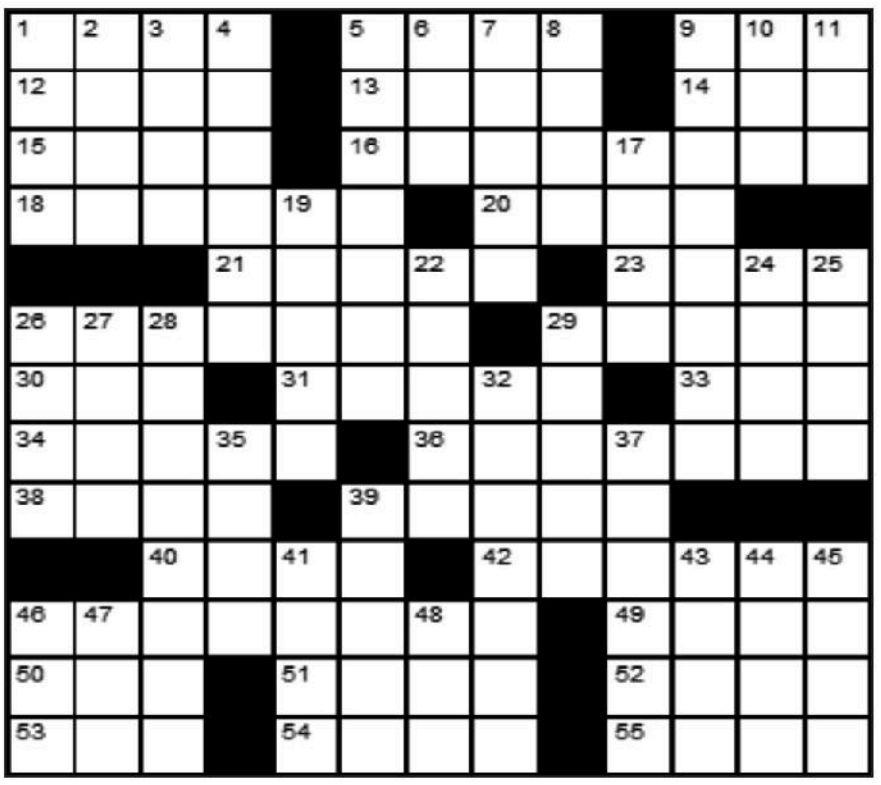

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

OA UXFJS JKQJOTF MJG CFFO VJKF YO GTYFOTF,

RAWYSYTG AX XFWYUYAO EYSMABS TAOSXAQFXGD.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If a man is destined to drown, he will drown even in a spoonful of water.

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Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.05 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm; (S-4) 4 pm
Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Oru Durooha Saahavharyathil (Ma)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 mohiniyattam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

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Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	12.45 pm, 5.10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.35 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	1.30 pm, 6.05 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	4.15 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.55 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.20 pm 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.35 am, 5.25 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 7.20 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Live Viewing (Korean)	:	11 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Re-Broadcasting (Korean)	:	3 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	11.15 am
Bad Boy Karthik (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	2.10 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	4 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	7.05 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.45 am, 11.05 am, 2.30 pm
		3.20 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	5.55 pm, 10.20 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Oru Durooha Saahacharyathil (Ma)	:	7.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 18)

- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-928,' story-telling by Fathima, Block Inclusive Education Resource Teacher, BEO & BRC Office, North Zone, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Unnathi:** Raaga Aarogya, Motivational Speaker Dr. Gururaja Karjagi & singer Shree Harsha special guests, MMC Platinum Jubilee Auditorium, JK Grounds, **5 pm.**
- **Mulakanadu Sabha, Mysuru:** Musical Evening 'Suvarna Samprada' by Bhuvaneshwari Venkatesh, Dr. Vanishree Raveesh, Dr. M.N. Raghuveer, M.S. Raveesh, H.P. Madhusudan and M.V. Jeevan Kumar; Vijayashree Abhilash comperes the programme, Mulakanadu Bhavana, Vijayanagar, **5 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Samskruti Book Agencies, Mysuru:** Releasing of books 'Muktaka Manjari' and 'Ondu Bank Special Oota,' authored by Ananta M. Tamhankar; Writer & Akhila Bharata Sahitya Parishat Karnataka's Dr. V. Ranganath releases the books, Akhila Bharata Sahitya Parishat Mysuru District Committee President S. Subramanya presides, Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara premises, Lakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** Nenapinangala Samvada-4, interaction with veteran theatre person Rameshwari Verma, Madhava Khare moderates, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra:** Cultural Outreach Programme, 'Narasimha Nruthya Roopaka' (Dance-Drama) programme by Sudhir Rao and team of Nrithyanikethana Kodavoor, Udupi, Thathachari auditorium, BVB Mysuru, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore College of Engineering and Management:** Valedictory of Mysiri-2026, the annual day celebrations, Actor Ragini Dwivedi chief guest, College premises, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Hosmutt, Mysuru:** Basava Jayanti, KR Police Station Inspector D.P. Dhanaraj inaugurates procession, **7 pm;** Prasada, Sri Hosmutt premises, **9 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 19)

- **Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Sri Uttaradi Mutt:** Inauguration of renovated 'Sri Satyapramoda Kalyana Mantapa,' abhisheka, homa, 6 crore Ramanama Japa, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, near CFTRI, KRS Road, **7 am onwards.**
- **Basava Balagagala Okkuta, Mysuru, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha and Veerashaiva Lingayat Associations & Organisations:** Basava Jayanti celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Shatsthala Dhwajarohana by Sri Sambasadashiva Swamiji, **8.15 am;** Procession, **8.30 am;** Prasada, **12.30 pm;** Health Camp, **1 pm;** Vachana Painting Expo, **1.30 pm;** Cultural programme, Kalamandira, **2 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Music Concert:** Karnatak vocal concert by Vidu. K.S. Ramamani, accompanied by Vid. M.V. Shantha Kumar on violin and Vid. M.S. Lakshmikanth on mridanga, Sangeetha Kalaanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya's house, near Basaveshvara Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 71st International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, World Dance Day celebrations and 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award Ceremony, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guest, conferring of award on D. Ashwath Kadamba (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru), K.J. Narayana Kikkeri (Theatre Artiste, Mysuru), Nanjunda Rao (Art Critic, Bengaluru) and B. Omkar Murthy (Owner, Omkar Studio, Bengaluru); Performances - Bharatanatyam by the disciples of Karnataka Kalashree Dr. K. Kumar, Mysuru; Bharatanatyam by the disciples of Kalaimamani Dr. Sangeetha Kabilan, Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. N. Sindhu and her disciples, Mysuru; Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Yashaswini, Bengaluru; Duet Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Meenal Girish and Vidu. T.N. Yogitamani, Tumakuru, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **3 pm.**
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** The Mysuru launch of 'We, The People of India: Decoding a Nation's Symbols,' the latest work by acclaimed musician, activist and author T.M. Krishna, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, JCAC premises, **6.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4.15 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	11 am, 5.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.10 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	9.40 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 2.35 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	4.10 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Bengaluru Inn (K)	:	10.10 pm

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